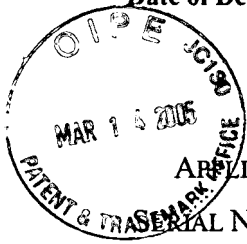


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APPLICANTS : James Tobin

SERIAL NUMBER: 09/924,338

EXAMINER : Prema Mertz

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FOR : METHOD COMPRISING THE USE OF HUMAN INTERLEUKIN-11
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Enclosed herein are the following:

1. Submission Accompanying Request for Continued Examination (Amendment and Response) (7 pages);
2. Petition for Extension of Time (1 page, in duplicate);
3. Check No. 20229 in the amount of \$790.00 (RCE);
4. Check No. 20230 in the amount of \$1020.00 (Extension); and
5. Return Postcard.

Pursuant to 35 USC §1.114, Applicants herein request continued examination of Application No. 09/924,338. Included with this request are the required elements of 1) a request (this document); 2) a submission; and 3) a fee. The submission provided herein is an Amendment and Response. Such a submission is a proper submission in accordance with 37 CFR §1.114 (c). With such a timely filed request, submission, and fee, Applicants believe that the Amendment should be entered and the finality of the Action should be withdrawn.

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Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time along with the required fee. With the extension, these documents are due on or before March 14, 2005. No additional fees are believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 22058-516DIVCON. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 14, 2005

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janine M. Susan", is written over a horizontal line.

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